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# SLATE'S

## SEED MARKET NEWS

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### This Year Buy Early

Aside from many evident shortages in seed crops this year, we are faced with a problem in transportation, therefore an early order will reach us before limited stocks are sold out and give us time to get the seed to you before it is too late to plant.

The farmers of this country must prepare as never before for a crop. The world is looking to us for food and you and your efforts will provide the foundation for our fighting machine. It then becomes both good business and good patriotism to plant liberally and cultivate diligently.

We expect an enormous demand for seed this year. The dry season last year, coupled with increased planting this year, is sure to make heavier than usual demands for seed. This in the face of many shortages in seed crops will make some items very hard to secure.

We pledge you our best efforts to supply your needs and to get the goods to you on time, so far as possible. But we do ask your co-operation by avoiding a last minute rush.

#### WRITE FOR A NEW LIST

It is our intention to publish this bulletin every month during the spring season, oftener if market changes make it necessary. So whenever you want reduced prices on any items listed here, just drop us a postal card requesting a new copy of this list. It is free and we are glad to mail upon request. If you watch market trends, it may save you many dollars on your seed purchases by enabling you to buy items ahead of market advances.

### Seed Outlook For 1942

As a whole the seed supply is good. In spite of adverse weather conditions many crops made excellent yields. Then in other items where a failure was made in one section of the country, another would make a good crop and thus prevent serious shortage. This is particularly true of Lespedeza. In this county we grow a fair quantity of Lespedeza for seed. On some farms the crop failed to make seed and none was harvested at all. On other farms the crop was excellent. The average local yield will be about normal.

The best analysis we can get at this time of the Field Seed situation is that all clovers will be in limited supply, with probably higher prices near planting time. This is also true of many of the more important grasses. Seed Corn, Cow Peas and Soy Beans should be sufficient for our needs, but grain prices will make them some higher than last year. Seed oats of some varieties will be scarce and hard to get. The spring sorts probably will be more plentiful, but we expect an enormous demand for oats due to the fact that almost none were seeded last fall. Potatoes and Onion sets will both be higher, but the supply should be sufficient for the demand.

In vegetable seeds we are faced with a few serious shortages. Beets and snap beans are probably the most critical. The beet seed crop was a total failure and many of the best snap beans have made ten to twenty per cent yields. Some of the smaller items will probably be scarce, but throughout our catalog you will find practically the same prices that we published last year. We advance our prices only when forced to do so.

Flower seed will probably be harder hit by poor yields than any other item. For years America has bought a large part of her flower seed in Europe, and since this supply is cut off, we are having a hard time producing enough stock for the demand. We have been unable to secure an absolute check on what will be available, so many items that we list may be short on your order.

# SLATE'S FIELD SEED

## Price List

JANUARY 1, 1942

Prices Change

Write for a New List at Any Time

TERMS.—Subject to being unsold, market changes, and our usual non-warranty, we offer the following seeds. Every lot of field seeds of ten pounds or more is tagged in accordance with the Agricultural Seed Laws of Virginia and North Carolina. Samples with Purity and Germination tests will be sent upon request. Prices on Field Seeds fluctuate. This list is issued every week during the season and we shall be glad to send a revised copy to anyone upon request.

### CLOVERS

	Postpaid Lb.	10 lbs.	Exp. Bu.
Alfalfa .....	.45	\$ 4.00	\$ 20.00
Alsike .....	.35	3.00	15.00
Red (U. S. Verified Origin).....	.35	3.00	15.00
Sapling .....	.35	3.25	15.00
Alyce .....	.30	2.50	15.00
White, Sweet, Scarified.....	.30	2.25	10.00

### GRASSES

	Postpaid Lb.	10 lbs.	Exp. 100 lbs.
Herds Grass .....	.25	\$ 2.00	\$ 15.00
Italian Rye .....	.20	1.70	10.00
Meadow Fescue .....	.40	3.50	35.00
Timothy .....	.20	1.60	12.00
Orchard .....	.40	3.50	35.00
Kentucky Blue .....	.35	3.00	25.00
Tall Meadow Oat.....	.30	2.50	20.00
Carpet Grass .....	.35	3.00	25.00
Sudan Grass .....	.20	1.25	7.00
Bermuda Grass .....	.45	4.00	38.00

### MIXTURES

	Postpaid Lb.	10 lbs.	Exp. 100 lbs.
Mixture No. 1, Pasture .....	.35	\$ 3.00	\$ 25.00
Mixture No. 2, Hay .....	.35	3.00	22.00
Mixture No. 3, Pasture .....	.30	2.50	20.00
Mixture No. 4, Hay.....	.30	2.50	20.00

### MILLET

	Postpaid Lb.	10 lbs.	Exp. 100 lbs.
Golden or German.....	.20	\$ 1.50	\$ 7.50

### MISCELLANEOUS SEEDS

	Postpaid Lb.	10 lbs.	Exp. 100 lbs.
Dwarf Essex Rape.....	.30	\$ 2.50	\$ 30.00
Japanese Buckwheat .....	.20	.90	5.00
White Kaffir Corn .....	.20	1.25	6.00
Evergreen Broom Corn.....	.20	1.25	10.00
Sunflower .....	.25	2.00	15.00

### SEED CORN

	Postpaid Gal.	1 Pk.	Exp. Bu.
Virginia White Dent.....	.60	\$ 1.10	\$ 2.00
Hickory King .....	.60	1.10	2.00
Imp. Golden Dent.....	.60	1.10	2.00
Biggs Seven Ear .....	.60	1.10	2.00
Early King .....	.75	1.25	2.50
Silver King .....	.75	1.25	2.50
Latham Double .....	.60	1.10	2.00
Jarvis Prolific .....	.60	1.10	2.00
Reids Yellow Dent.....	.60	1.10	2.00
Hybrid Golden Prolific.....	1.25	2.00	6.00
Hybrid White Prolific.....	1.25	2.00	6.00

### PEANUTS

	Postpaid Lb.	5 lbs.	Exp. 100 lbs.
Virginia Jumbo .....	.20	\$ .75	\$10.00
Virginia Bunch .....	.20	.75	10.00
Spanish .....	.20	.75	10.00
Tenn. Red .....	.20	.75	10.00

### SOUP BEANS

	Postpaid Lb.	5 lbs.	Exp. 100 lbs.
White Navy .....	.20	\$ .80	\$10.00
White Kidney .....	.25	1.00	15.00
Red Kidney .....	.25	1.00	15.00

SHIPPING CHARGES.—When quotations have "Postpaid" above them, it means that we will deliver goods at these prices by parcel post without any extra charge of any kind. Freight or Express above a quotation means that customer is to pay delivery charges, but no charge for sacks. Those who wish may order by these prices and add the exact amount of postage necessary.

SACKS FREE.—We make no extra charge for sacks of any kind.

### SEED OATS

	By Frt. or Exp. Bu.	10 Bu.
Virginia Gray Winter.....	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.10
Appler .....	1.00	.95
Fulghum .....	1.00	.95
White Spring .....	.95	.90
Burt or 90-Day.....	.95	.90

### EDIBLE COW PEAS

	Postpaid Lb.	5 lbs.	Exp. 100 lbs.
Large Blackeyes .....	.25	\$ 1.00	\$ 10.00
Sugar Crowder .....	.25	1.00	10.00
Browneye or Purple Hull.....	.25	1.00	10.00

### SORGHUM

	Postpaid Lb.	10 lbs.	Exp. 100 lbs.
Early Amber .....	.15	\$ 1.00	\$ 5.00
Sugar Drip.....	.20	1.50	7.50
Dwarf Milo .....	.20	1.50	8.00

### FIELD BEANS

	By Frt. or Exp. Bu.	10 Bu.
Mam. Yellow Soys.....		
Wilson Black .....		
Virginia Brown .....	Write	
Mammoth Brown .....	for	
Laredos Soys .....	Prices	
Tokio .....		
Early Speckled Velvet.....		

### COW PEAS

	By Frt. or Exp. Bu.	10 Bu.
Whippoorwills .....	Write	
Mixed Cow Peas .....	for	
Peas and Soy Beans.....	Prices	

### SEED IRISH POTATOES

	By Frt. or Exp. Pk.	Bu.	Sk.
Irish Cobbler .....	Write		
Early Rose .....	for		
Red Bliss .....	Prices		

### SEED SWEET POTATOES

	By Frt. or Exp. Bu.
Nancy Hall, Yellow.....	\$ 1.75
Porto Rico, Red.....	1.75
Cunningham, White .....	1.75

### ONION SETS

	Qt.	Postpaid 1 lb.	Gal. 4 lb.	Pk. 8 lb.	Exp. Bu.	32 lb.
White Bottom .....	.20	\$ .50	\$ 1.00	\$ 3.25		
Yellow Bottom .....	.20	.50	1.00	3.00		
Red Bottom .....	.20	.50	1.00	3.00		
White Potato .....	.20	.50	1.00	3.00		
Japanese or Ebenezer .....	.20	.50	1.00	2.50		
Yellow Potato .....	.20	.50	1.00	3.00		

### LESPEDEZA

	Postpaid Lb.	10 lbs.	Exp. 100 lbs.
Korean .....	.20	\$ 1.60	\$ 10.00
Kobe .....	.25	2.00	15.00
Tennessee 76 .....	.25	2.00	15.00
Common .....	.25	2.00	15.00
Serecia (Scarified) .....	.40	3.50	30.00



